

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

<b>Title of Invention</b>	APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING SEED COTTON DRYING IN A COTTON GIN
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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☒ The attached application, or
- ☐ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_,
- ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)**

Inventor one: Gene C. Lewis	DATE: 2-4-04
Signature: <i>Gene C. Lewis</i>	Resident of: Memphis, TN
	Citizen of: USA

Inventor two: Steven E. Lewis	DATE: 2-4-04
Signature: <i>Steven E. Lewis</i>	Resident of: Lakeland, TN
	Citizen of: USA

Inventor three: Jerry B. Wright, Jr.	DATE: 2/4/04
Signature: <i>Jerry B. Wright</i>	Resident of: Memphis, TN
	Citizen of: USA

Inventor four: _____	
Signature: _____	Citizen of: _____

☐ Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on \_\_\_\_\_ additional form(s) attached hereto.

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY  
and  
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INDICATION FORM**

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Gene C. Lewis
Title	APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING
Art Unit	XXXX SEED COTTON DRYING IN A COTTON GIN
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	A2,132

I hereby appoint:

☐ Practitioners associated with the Customer Number:

OR

☒ Practitioner(s) named below:

Name	Registration Number
Larry W. McKenzie	28,239
Russell H. Walker	35,401

as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please recognize or change the correspondence address for the above-identified application to:

☐ The address associated with the above-mentioned Customer Number:

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I am the:

☐ Applicant/Inventor.

☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

## SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name	Gene C. Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, Cotton Moisture, LLC		
Signature	<i>Gene C. Lewis</i>		
Date	2-4-04	Telephone	(901) 685-2017

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

☒ Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Gene C. Lewis, Steven E. Lewis, and Jerry B. Wright, Jr.

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING SEED COTTON DRYING IN A COTTON GINCotton Moisture, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability company  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.  
The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_ %  
in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

1. From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
The document was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at  
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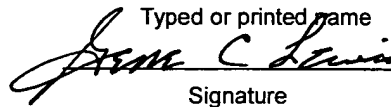
☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

☒ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

(NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

2-04-04  
Date  
(901) 685-2017  
Telephone number

Gene C. Lewis  
Typed or printed name  
  
Signature  
Chief Executive Officer  
Cotton Moisture, LLC  
Title

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**USPTO ASSIGNMENT BRANCH**  
**A S S I G N M E N T**

WHEREAS, we, Gene C. Lewis (Assignor), of Memphis, County of Shelby, State of Tennessee and a citizen of the United States of America, whose residence and Post Office address is 5480 Valleybrook Cove, Memphis, Tennessee 38120; Steven E. Lewis (Assignor), of Lakeland, County of Shelby, State of Tennessee and a citizen of the United States of America, whose residence and Post Office address is 9622 Mosswood Lane, Lakeland, Tennessee 38002; and Jerry B. Wright, Jr. (Assignor), of Memphis, County of Shelby, State of Tennessee and a citizen of the United States of America, whose residence and Post Office address is 505 Tennessee Street, #125, Memphis, Tennessee 38103; are the inventors of certain new and useful improvements in an apparatus for and method of controlling seed cotton drying in a cotton gin (the "Invention") as described and disclosed in a U.S. non-provisional patent application with the same title and executed by us on February 4, 2004, and further identified by File and Docket number A2,132, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and,

WHEREAS, Cotton Moisture, LLC (Assignee), a Tennessee limited liability company, whose principal place of business is 5480 Valleybrook Cove, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which in hand is hereby acknowledged by each of us, and other good and valuable consideration, we, Gene C. Lewis (Assignor), Steven E. Lewis (Assignor), and Jerry B. Wright, Jr. (Assignor), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Cotton Moisture, LLC (Assignee), our full and exclusive right, both domestic and foreign, to the said Invention, as well as any and all provisional and non-provisional patent applications therefor, and also our entire right, title, and interest in

1 and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, both domestic and  
2 foreign, as well as any and all Letters Patent granted upon any divisional, reissue, re-  
3 examination, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications claiming priority  
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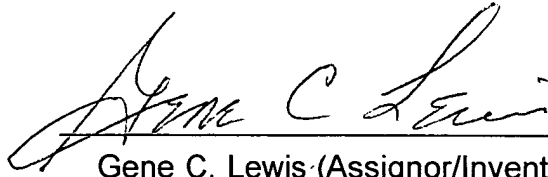
5 We, Gene C. Lewis, Steven E. Lewis and Jerry B. Wright, Jr. hereby authorize  
6 and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all said  
7 Letters Patent to the said Cotton Moisture, LLC (Assignee), as the assignee of the  
8 entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, for its sole use and behoof; and for  
9 the use and behoof of its legal representatives, assigns, and/or successors, to the full  
10 end of the term and any extensions thereof for which any and all said Letters Patent  
11 may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had  
12 this assignment and sale not been made.

13 And we, Gene C. Lewis, Steven E. Lewis and Jerry B. Wright, Jr., hereby  
14 covenant and agree that we will at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any  
15 and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the titles of said  
16 Assignee or its successors or assigns to said invention and to any and all Letters  
17 Patent that may be granted therefor, both domestic and foreign, as well as any and all  
18 Letters Patent granted upon any divisional, reissue, re-examination, continuation,  
19 and/or continuation-in-part applications claiming priority thereof, both domestic and  
20 foreign, as well as any and all extensions of term therefor.

21 This agreement will be interpreted in accordance with the Federal patent laws  
22 and the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to any provisions of conflicts of  
23 laws.

24 WHEREFORE, Gene C. Lewis, Steven E. Lewis and Jerry B. Wright, Jr. with  
25 intent to be legally bound, now subscribe to this Assignment by their signatures set  
26 forth below.

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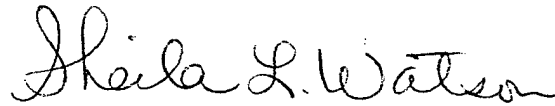
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12 Sworn and subscribed before me at the city/town of Memphis this 4th day of  
13 February, 2004, by the said Gene C. Lewis, who personally appeared before me and  
14 acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

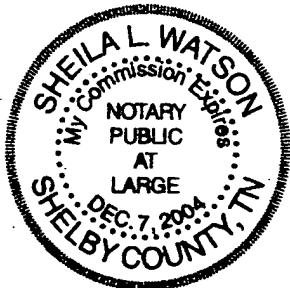
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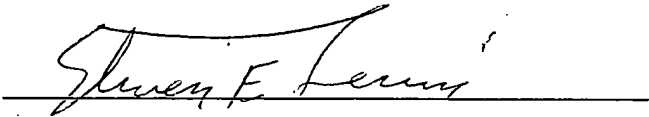
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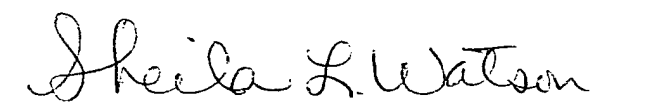
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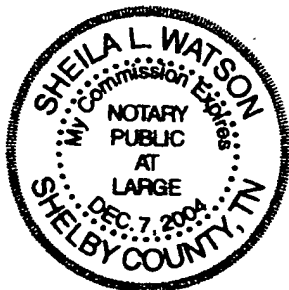
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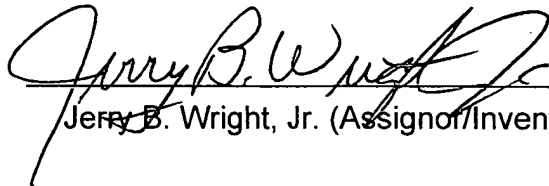
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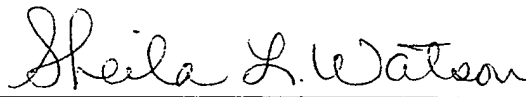


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